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SUBJ: TOUR OF DUTY POLICY IN IO POSTS

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1. US REP ICAO WISHES GIVE ENTHUSIASTIC SECOND TO CONTENT OF
REFTEL WHICH IS EXTREMELY WELL PRESENTED.

2. PAST FEW YEARS US REP HAS AGREED TO TRANSFER OF AND
ESTABLISHMENT OF FOREIGN SERVICE CATEGORY POSITIONS IN US
MISSION TO ICAO IN INTEREST OF OBTAINING PROFESSIONALISM
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AND SENSITIVITY TO BROAD RANGE OF IO TYPE CONCERNS. UNFORTUNATELY
SINCE SWITCHING TO FOREIGN SERVICE WE HAVE BEEN ALMOST
CONTINUOUSLY INVOLVED IN "TRANSFERRING IN", "TRANSFERRING OUT",
ADDITIONAL COSTS WITH RESPECT TO QUARTERS, STORING, SHIPPING,
ETC. THESE MECHANICAL INVOLVEMENTS ARE WELL WORTHWHILE IF THE
TOUR OF THE OFFICER INVOLVED IS USEFUL BUT EXPERIENCE SO FAR

INDICATES THAT FIVE YEARS SHOULD BE A MINIMUM TOUR IN THE US MISSION TO ICAO. PROCEDURES ARE COMPLICATED, THE MULTILATERAL SENSITIVITIES ARE QUITE DIFFERENT FROM AN EMBASSY BILATERAL SITUATION, AND ADDITIONALLY THE TECHNOLOGY AND THE TECHNICAL ENVIRONMENT OF INTERNATIONAL AVIATION POSES ADDITIONAL COMPLICATING FACTORS. US REP FEELS THAT TOD IN ICAO/MONTREAL FOR JUNIOR AND MIDDLE GRADE SHOULD BE TWO PLUS TWO; SECRETARIES THREE PLUS TWO, AND SENIOR LEVESL (REP AND ALTERNATE) FIVE YEARS MINIMUM.

3. US REP WILL NOT DUPLICATE NOR REITERATE THE EXCELLENT POINTS THAT HAVE BEEN MADE BY GENEVA MISSION. WE DO AGREE AND HOPE THAT, SINCE WE WERE NOT CONSULTED WITH RESPECT TO THE IO/PER DECISION, OUR COMMENTS WILL BE GIVEN APPROPRIATE CONSIDERATION.
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